

KNUTSFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1966.



KNUTSFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Divisional Medical Officer,  
Mountlands,  
The Mount,  
Church Street,  
Altrincham.

To:- The Chairman & Members of  
The Knutsford Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour  
to present an Annual Report, on the health of the  
District for the year 1966.

I have not been your Medical Officer  
during the period concerned.

The Report is therefore, submitted without  
my comment. However, Mr. P. Darbyshire, your  
Public Health Inspector has coordinated the statistics  
and other matter, and I endorse his appraisal.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen

Your obedient servant

W. Davidson-Lamb.

Medical Officer of Health.



PART 1

Area .. .. .	2,485 acres
Average Height above sea level .. .. .	210 feet
Registrar General's mid year estimate of population .. .. .	10,700
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1966) per rate book .. .. .	3,461
Rateable Value at 1st April 1966 .. .. .	£369,587. 0. 0
Sum represented by a penny rate 1st April, 1966 .. .. .	1,544. 0. 0

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	1966	1965
Number .. .. .	162	162
Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	15.1	15.9
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	15.6	16.4
General Birth Rate (England & Wales) .. .. .	17.7	18.1
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births .. .. .	4.3	5.6
Still Births		
Number .. .. .	3	4
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .. .. .	18.2	24.0
Total live and still births .. .. .	165.	166
Infant Mortality Rates		
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) .. .. .	3	3
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births .. .. .	18.5	18.5
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births .. .. .	19.4	19.6
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births .. .. .	0	0
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births .. .. .	12.3	18.5
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .. .. .	12.3	6.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) .. .. .	30.3	30
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)		
Number of deaths .. .. .	1	0
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births .. .. .	6.1	0
Total deaths .. .. .	207	221
Crude death rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	19.3	21.7
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population .. .. .	9.7	9.5
General Death Rate (England and Wales) .. .. .	11.7	11.5
Deaths from Tuberculosis .. .. .	1	0
Deaths from Cancer .. .. .	25	30
Deaths from accidents .. .. .	4	1

The population figures given are for home population and the birth and death rates are based on this figure. The standardised rates are arrived at after allowing for the age and sex distribution of the population, thus giving a fairer comparison with those of other areas.

The death rate comparability factor is adjusted specifically to take into consideration the presence of any residential institution in each area. This makes provision for the deaths occurring in Cranford Lodge Hospital amongst the aged persons and thus gives a better comparison with the rate for the rest of the Country.







PART II TABLES

TABLE I

LIVE BIRTHS

1966

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1965
Males	72	6	78	85
Females	83	1	84	77
	155	7	162	162

TABLE II

STILL BIRTHS

1966

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1965
Males	1	0	1	2
Females	2	0	2	2
	3	0	3	4

TABLE III

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

1966

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1965
Males	1	0	1	1
Females	2	0	2	2
	3	0	3	3



TABLE IV  
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1965
Males	0	0	0	1
Females	2	0	2	2
	2	0	2	3

TABLE V  
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

	Legitimate	Illegitimate	Totals	1965
Males	0	0	0	0
Females	2	0	2	1
	2	0	2	1
<p style="text-align: center;">The causes of the above infant deaths were:-  Congenital Heart Disease  Congenital Atelectasis</p>				



TABLE VI

Notifiable Disease	Number of Cases Notified 1966
Scarlet Fever	1
Whooping Cough	0
Diphtheria (including Membranous Croup)	0
Measles (excluding Rubella)	136
Meningococcal Infection	0
Acute Poliomyelitis:-	
Paralytic	0
Non-Paralytic	0
Acute Encephalitis:-	
Infective	0
Post Infectious	0
Dysentery	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	0
Smallpox	0
Paratyphoid Fevers	0
Enteric or Typhoid (Exc. Paratyphoid	
Food Poisoning (Exc. dysentery typhoid	
and paratyphoid fevers)	0
Tuberculosis:-	
Respiratory	0
Other	0
Erysipilas	0
Pneumonia (primary)	0
	—
	137
	1965      41
	—

TABLE VII

Number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified  
during the year ended 31st December 1966

0

Comparative Table of Cases of Tuberculosis  
notified during the past 10 years

1954 - 6	1957 - 1	1960 - 6	1963 - 0
1955 - 1	1958 - 3	1961 - 0	1964 - 0
1956 - 3	1959 - 1	1962 - 0	1965 - 1





TABLE VIII

Deaths from Tuberculosis registered during the year ended 31st December,  
1966

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TABLE IX

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1966 AND CAUSES

All Causes Certified 207    Uncertified 0		Male	Female	Total	1965 Totals
Tuberculosis, respiratory		1	0	1	0
Syphilitic Disease		0	0	0	1
Other infective & parasitic diseases		0	0	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach		1	2	3	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus		7	0	7	9
Malignant neoplasm, breast			4	4	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms		4	6	10	13
Leukaemia, aleukaemia		1	0	1	1
Diabetes		1	1	2	1
Vascular lesions of nervous sytem		20	31	51	50
Coronary disease, angina		11	17	28	32
Hypertension with heart disease		1	0	1	0
Other heart disease		7	13	20	40
Other circulatory disease		3	3	6	4
Influenza		2	5	7	0
Pneumonia		1	2	3	7
Bronchitis		7	3	10	8
Other diseases of respiratory system		2	1	3	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		1	0	1	0
Nephritis and nephrosis		0	0	0	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion		-	1	1	-
Congenital malformations		1	0	1	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases		14	26	40	40
Motor vehicle accidents		2	2	4	1
Suicide		0	3	3	0
1966 Total		87	120	207	221
1965 Total		101	120	221	-





TABLE X

COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Total Population	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Deaths of Infants under 1 year
1911	5,983	113	22.0	63	12.3	9
1915	5,378	94	19.1	62	12.3	6
1920	5,035	107	21.2	65	12.9	7
1925	5,499	69	12.5	45	8.3	4
1930	5,846	84	14.2	50	8.5	5
1935	5,681	61	10.7	58	10.2	2
1940	6,306	77	12.2	80	12.7	3
1945	5,620	95	16.9	74	13.2	6
1950	6,357	90	14.2	67	10.5	0
1951	6,576	100	15.2	90	13.7	0
1952	6,530	90	13.8	124	19.0	1
1953	6,805	105	15.4	157	11.0	0
1954	7,090	101	15.0	233	13.3	2
1955	7,200	98	14.4	240	10.8	3
1956	7,470	96	12.8	211	11.3	2
1957	7,720	132	17.1	175	11.1	3
1958	7,980	129	15.8	203	14.6	4
1959	8,870	144	15.4	194	13.1	5
1960	9,400	175	17.3	205	13.1	8
1961	9,460	176	17.3	203	12.3	6
1962	9,670	155	15.3	251	14.6	3
1963	9,760	157	16.6	217	10.4	3
1964	10,010	170	17.4	207	9.7	1
1965	10,200	162	16.4	221	9.5	3
1966	10,700	162	15.6	207	9.7	3

From 1951 onwards the total deaths include those of non-Knutsford residents occurring at Cranford Lodge Hospital i.e. long stay cases of chronic sickness.

From 1953 onwards the death rate is that estimated for Knutsford residents only (i.e. excluding deaths of non-Knutsford residents in Cranford Lodge Hospital).



NATIONAL HEALTH ACT SERVICES AND  
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A. Services provided in accordance with the requirements of the National Health Service Act, 1946

1. Hospital Services

Controlling Body - Manchester Regional Hospital Board

Local Hospitals - Administered by North and Mid-Cheshire Hospital Management Committee.  
Secretary - Mr. E. Foden,  
Administrative Offices,  
Altrincham Maternity Home,  
Sinderland Road, Altrincham

2. Hospitals serving this area

General Acute Cases - Cottage Hospital, Knutsford  
Altrincham General Hospital

Maternity Hospitals - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford - 10 beds

General Chronic Cases - Cranford Lodge, Knutsford

A large number of cases from Knutsford are also treated in Manchester and District Hospitals.

3. General Practitionery and General Dental Services

Controlling Body - National Health Service Executive Council for Cheshire.

Clerk - Mr. F. Hayter, 28 Nicholas Street, Chester

4. Services of Local Health Authority - Cheshire County Council

1. Ambulance Service	}	Altrincham Divisional Health Committee
2. Immunisation and Vaccination		
3. Care and after care		
4. Home Help Service		
5. Maternity and Child Welfare	}	County Council Health Committee
6. Domiciliary Midwifery and District Nursing		
7. Dental Service - Expectant and Nursing Mothers and pre School Children		
8. Mental Health Service - Senior Mental Welfare Officer:-		
Mr. Thompson, 59 Washway Road, Sale		

The divisional Health Committee area covers Hale U.D.C., Bowdon U.D.C., Altrincham M.B., Knutsford U.D.C. and Bucklow R.D.C. and includes members of these Authorities, member of the Council and co-opted members.





B. Other Services by other Committees of Cheshire County Council

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|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Education Committee             | - | School Health Services, including School dental service.   |
| 2. Welfare Committee               | - | Old persons care and attention, homeless, handicapped persons, provision for residential accommodation - County Welfare Officer - Mr. G. Evans, County Hall, Chester |
| Area Welfare Officer for this area | - | Stamford House, Altrincham. Tel No. Alt 2375   |
| 3. Children's Committee            | - | Provides for the care of deprived children, i.e. children not under parental care.   |
| Children's Officer for this area   | - | Mr. J. Blades, Stamford House, Altrincham  |

C. Services available in Knutsford

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|---|---|--|
| 1. Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, Immunisation and Vaccination | - | County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford   |
| 2. Young Children's Clinic  | - | Second and fourth Thursday afternoons in each month 2 - 4 p.m. by appointment                              |
| 3. Hearing Clinic   | - | Alternative Fridays by appointment   |
| 4. School Clinic  | - | County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford   |
| (a) Minor Ailments Clinic   |   | Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9-0 - 10-0 a.m. as required                                |
| (b) Doctors Session   | - | By appointment as required   |
| (c) Dental Clinic   | - | Each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning by appointment  |
| (d) Eye Clinic  | - | First Thursday and Fourth Tuesday afternoon each month by appointment                                      |
| (e) Speech Therapy Clinic   |   | Each Tuesday morning by appointment  |
| (f) Teacher for the Deaf  | - | Monday afternoon by appointment  |
| 5. Health Visitors  | - | Miss Dawson, County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford<br>Mrs McGrath, County Offices, Bexton Road, Knutsford |
| 6. District Nurses and Midwives                                     | - | Nurse Stone, 46 Townfields, Knutsford<br>Nurse Buckley, 7 Ascol Drive, Plumley, Nr. Knutsford              |
| 7. Relief District Nurse and Midwife                                | - | Nurse Frame, 6 Thorneyholme Drive, Knutsford   |
| 8. Ambulance Station  | - | Northwich Road, Knutsford  |

All enquiries in connection with the above services should be made to:-  
The Medical Office, "Mountlands", The Mount, Altrincham.  
Tel. Altrincham 5323/4





# REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1966 on the Sanitary Circumstances of the area.

## Water Supply

The Statutory Undertaking for the supply of Water to the Urban District is the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Department and I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager for the following information:-

<u>Mains Extensions</u>	<u>No. of Yards</u>
6"     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...	626
4"     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...	787
3"     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...	749
1"     ...     ...     ...     ...     ...	74

## Renewals

Bexton Lane	6"	...	...	...	560
Parkfield Road	4"	...	...	...	459
Chelford Road	4"	...	...	...	815

## Thirlmere and Haweswater Distributed Supplies

Our analysis of the mixed supply as supplied to Knutsford and taken from a house tap is as follows:-

Laboratory Number							C.2166
pH value	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.95
Colour as ppm platinum	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Turbidity, ppm silica scale	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.0
							<u>Parts per million</u>
Total solids dried at 180°C	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Free acidity as CO <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Total hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Chlorides as chlorion	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Oxygen absorbed test - 4 hours at 27°C	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.13
Silica as SiO <sub>2</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Iron as Fe	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.04
Manganese as Mn	...	...	...	...	...	...	0.01
Calcium hardness as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	...	...	...	...	...	...	15

The mixed supply from the lakes is subject to slight seasonal variations in chemical characteristics. In addition, maintenance work on the aqueducts can cause small alterations of short duration to the pH and alkalinity values. The mixed water contains less than 0.1 ppm. of lead after standing overnight in contact with lead service pipes.



### Bacteriological Results

Four hundred and thirty eight bacteriological samples were collected in the south western distribution area of Manchester during the year ended 31st December, 1966, with the following results:-

Total Number of samples	...	...	...	438	...	...	100.0 %
Samples free from coliforms	...	...	...	411	...	...	93.83%
Samples free from faecal coli	...	...	...	433	...	...	98.86%
Samples with faecal coli present	...	...	...	5	...	...	1.14%
Samples with non-faecal coli present	...	...	...	24	...	...	5.49%

The samples with coli present are summarised below:-

No. of Coliforms Present per 100 mls.	<u>FAECAL</u>		<u>NON-FAECAL</u>	
	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>%</u>
1	5	1.14	12	2.75
2	-	-	3	0.70
3	-	-	1	0.23
5	-	-	1	0.23
6	-	-	2	0.45
8	-	-	1	0.23
18	-	-	4	0.90
TOTALS	5	1.14	24	5.49

The coliform bacteria would be derived from 'aftergrowths' in the mains deposits and there is no significance to be attached to the finding of infrequent small numbers of faecal coli.

### Refuse Collection

The Council operate a weekly collection of house refuse throughout the whole of the District with the use of two "Karrier" Dual Tip vehicles, one of 18 cubic yards capacity and the other 12 cubic yards. One of the vehicles which was 7 years old was replaced by a new 25 cubic yard vehicle.

A more frequent service is provided to catering establishments whilst two of the larger hotels have a daily collection, for which a charge is made.

The incentive bonus scheme which was introduced in the previous year has proved outstandingly successful.

### Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Shaw Heath Tip where a full-time Attendant is employed. The International Loading Shovel is used for tip control and it has been possible to operate the tip without nuisance throughout the year.

The tip is kept open on a Saturday morning and until 6 o'clock each evening for the benefit of residents who wish to deposit rubbish during these periods, and a great deal of use is made of this facility.





Disinfection and Disinfestation

During the year 17 treatments were carried out for the eradication of insect pests, the majority of these being for wasps nests.

Food and Drugs Act 1955

The Cheshire County Council are the authority for the taking of samples under the above Act and I am indebted to Mr. W. K. Nattrass, Chief Weights and Measures Inspector for the following details of samples taken in the District during the year:-

Samples Taken	Number	Number of Non-standard samples
Baby Foods: - Beef, Egg Noodles	1	1
Bread	3	
Calcuim Drink	1	
Celery Salt	1	
Cough Tablets	1	
Cream - dairy	1	
Custard Powder	1	
Eucalyptas Oil	1	
Flour (plain)	1	
Formamint Tablets	1	
Ginger, Stem, in syrup	1	
Herbs - mixed - dried	1	
Ice Cream	1	
Iced Lollipops	3	
Ice Lolly Syrup (orange flavour)	1	1
Liquid Fruit Pectin	1	
Marmalade	1	
Milks	29	
Milk Pudding (Creamed Sago)	1	1
Milk Pudding (Creamed Rice)	1	
Potato - Instant Mash	1	
Rum	1	
Sausages - Pork	2	-
Tea	11	
Whisky	1	
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	58	3
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Particulars of Adulterated Non-Standard Samples

No.	Samples	Results of Analysis	Remarks
1	Ice Lolly Syrup	Not conforming to Labelling of Food Order	Manufacturer Cautioned
2	Bread	Contained foreign matter consisting of dough badly stained with iron compounds and vegetable oil	Bakers fined £75 and costs £3. 18. 0
3	Milk	Containing 0.05 i.u./ml. peni-cillin	Milk Producer Cautioned.



## Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

All the sewerage from the Urban District with the exception of a small area east of King Street and an area in Bexton Lane, which are pumped through rising mains, is carried by gravitating sewers to the Disposal Works on the bank of the Birkin Brook on the north east boundary of the Town.

The reconstruction and modernization of the Disposal Works were completed during the year and officially opened in May.

During the year four pail closets were converted to flush type W.C.'s and connected to the sewers, in accordance with the provisions of Section 47 of the Public Health Act 1936, the Council contributing half the cost. This means that there are now five pail closets remaining in the District.

## Hairdressers and Barbers

Eight establishments are registered for the purpose of the Cheshire County Council Act 1953.

## Outworkers

One resident in the area was notified as an outworker in the making of wearing apparel.

## Smoke Abatement

No change has taken place with regard to the industrial boiler installations, two being oil fired and one equipped with mechanical stokers. None of these gave cause for complaint during the year.

## Rodent Control

The Council have one part-time operator who has been trained in rodent control by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, and all premises are treated free of charge.

The following table gives details of infestations and treatments carried out during the year:-

Properties	Non-Agricultural	Agriculture
1. Number of properties in district	3,897	13
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	322	4
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	99	4
(ii) Mice	10	-
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	-	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	-	-
(ii) Mice	-	-





Particulars of Complaints From Private Purchasers

Complaint From	Complaint	Remarks
Private Purchaser	Well Baked cake mix in loaf of bread	Baker Cautioned
Private Purchaser	Bread containing dough badly stained with iron compounds and vegetable oil.	Bakers fined £75 costs £3, 18. 0.

Milk Supply

There are 4 distributors of milk operating in the District all of which obtain their milk already bottled from the larger establishments outside the area.

69 samples of milk were taken in the District by the County Council for submission to the Public Health Laboratory and upon examination all but three of these were found to be satisfactory.

A complaint was received regarding the condition of a milk bottle and in this case a warning was sent to the dairy concerned.

Inspection of Meat and other Foods

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the Town which are licensed annually on the 13th June each year, both of which maintain a high standard of hygiene at all times.

In November the two slaughterhouse Operators agreed to re-organize their slaughtering programme to avoid meat inspection having to be carried out at weekends and the arrangement for weekend meat inspection on a rota basis with the Bucklow R.D.C was terminated.

The following table shows the number of carcasses inspected and the number affected with disease:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	512	0	0	2,068	188
Number inspected	512	0	0	2,068	188
All disease except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	1	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	39	0	0	92	7
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	7.6%	0	0	4.5%	3.7%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u> Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tubercul.	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u> Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0



In addition the following foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:-

86 Packets Kipper Fillets  
30 lbs Shoulder Steak  
4½ lbs Top Rib  
6 Tins of Ham  
5 Chickens

#### Slaughter of Animals Acts

5 licences to slaughter in accordance with the above Acts were issued during the year.

#### Pet Animals Act 1951

One shop is licensed annually under the above Act for the sale of pet animals.

#### Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

One animal boarding establishment is registered and this has been kept in a satisfactory manner at all times.

#### Housing Slum Clearance

Notice of Time and Place in accordance with Section 16 of the Housing Act 1957 was served in respect of 10 houses, and in all cases Undertakings not to re-let the properties in their present condition upon the expiration of the tenancies were accepted. 16 houses were demolished during the year.

The position at the end of the year with regard to the Council's slum clearance programme is as follows:-

Houses demolished	109
Houses closed, put to some other use or Undertakings not to re-let held	46
Properties reconditioned or schemes approved	18
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	173
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#### New Houses

136 new houses were completed during the year as against 154 in the previous year, all of these were erected by private developers.

#### Improvement Grants

Although there was a decrease in the number of applications for Improvement Grant the response is still gratifying and during the year 10 applications for Standard Grant, 4 applications for Discretionary Grant and one application for a Conversion Grant have been approved.

The above covered the provision of 15 internal W.C.'s, 14 baths, 14 wash-hand basins, 9 food stores and the supply of hot water in 14 cases.

To date the number of Grants approved is as follows:-

Conversion Grants .....	14
Discretionary Grants .....	44
Standard Grants .....	85
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Certificates of Disrepair

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received and no action under the Rent Act was required.

Caravans

There are no licensed caravans or caravan sites in the District.

Factories Act 1938

During the year 25 inspections of factories and work places were carried out and one infringement was discovered.

Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health:-

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	33	22	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	-	-	-
	37	25	1	-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

The following is a list of premises registered and inspection carried out under the Act at the end of the year:-

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	2	54	2
Retail Shops	1	75	8
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	8	1
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	20	6
Fuel storage depots	-	-	1





The number of people employed in the registered premises are as follows:-

Class of workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	349
Retail Shops	306
Wholesale departments, warehouses	19
Catering establishments open to the public	136
Canteens	9
Fuel storage depots	-
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	Total 812
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	Total Males 321
	Total Females 491

#### Market

The Department is responsible for the Market which is held each Friday and Saturday and consists of 17 inside stalls and 22 outside stalls.

In November the position of the Market with regard to the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966, was reviewed and it was found to comply in all respects.

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